

REMARKS

Claims 2-13 and 15-20 are pending.

Claims 2-8 are allowed.

Claims 9-13 and 15-20 stand rejected.

Claims 11 is cancelled herein

Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-17 and 20 are amended herein. No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

The Examiner has rejected claims 9-13 and 15-20 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, but as otherwise being allowable if the rejection was overcome.

Claims 9, 10, 12 and 13 have been amended to include a computer-readable medium, which the Examiner has indicated satisfies the requirement of claiming statutory subject matter. Claims 18 and 19 depend on allowed method claim 2, and were inadvertently identified by the Examiner as being rejected based on section 101. The Examiner indicated in the telephonic interview on May 30, 2007 that claims 15-20, as amended, are also allowable.

Pending claims 2-10, 12, 13 and 15-20 are therefore considered to be in a condition for allowance, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-10, 12, 13 and 15-20 of the application as previously presented is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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